

Accessing the IHS Home Page

First of all, you need a computer that is connected to the Internet and has software called a “browser,” such as *Netscape* or *Mosaic*. Many computer networks in government, education, and business offices are already connected. Otherwise, you may need to connect to the Internet via a modem. If so, a speed of at least 14.4 kbps is desirable — 28.8 kbps is preferred. Your computer system administrator should be able to help you get set up and running.

Where to find the IHS WWW Site

Our Universal Resource Locator (URL) is “<http://www.ihs.gov/>” The first page you will see is our “Home Page.” It is your launching pad to:

- A Tour of the Indian Health Service
- IHS Medical Providers Page
- IHS Administrators Page
- IHS Automated Jobs Listing
- American Indian Resource Links

In addition to providing these specialized pages of information, the IHS website also offers the latest news about changes or announcements via a “What’s New” link on the home page. Also, any recent significant additions to the site are featured on the home page.

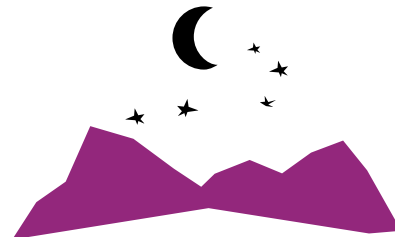
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World Wide Web

Internet Services



*The agency on-ramp
to the
information superhighway*

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IHS Presence on the Internet

Whether you are a health care provider in a remote rural area or an administrator in an Area office, you have a wealth of information literally at



your fingertips through the Indian Health Service

World Wide Web (WWW) Internet server. The official headquarters for the IHS WWW server is Tucson, Arizona, where it was designed and put into operation by the Technology Transfer Group of the Division of Human Resource Systems Development.

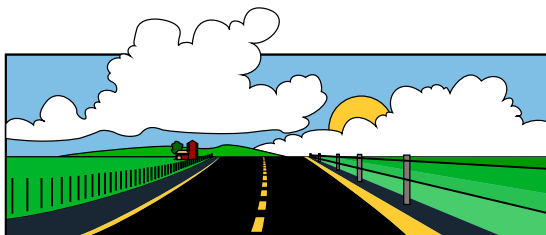
The IHS WWW server, or “website,” has a user-friendly graphical interface and is compatible with any computer that can access the World Wide Web. Information on the IHS website is available 24 hours a day to anyone in the IHS, or virtually anyone with a computer, a connection to the Internet, and software, called a “browser,” such as *Netscape* or *Mosaic*.



Once connected to the IHS World Wide Web server, users can display, download, or print an enormous variety of agency information including publications, reports, job listings, statistics, photographs, and even

QuickTime movies. Moreover, specially selected links to other WWW sites are available on unique pages designed specifically for IHS patient care providers and administrators.

The IHS Internet website serves as the on-ramp to the “Information Superhighway”



not only for the agency, but also for American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes, Urban Clinics, and a myriad of health care related organizations dedicated to providing care for Indian people.

Internet users from around the globe can access the IHS WWW site too. Medical students, government workers, researchers, and the Internet community at large can view IHS job vacancy listings, take a “virtual tour” of IHS Areas and health care facilities, receive information on the IHS scholarship and loan repayment programs, and download important publications such as *IHS Trends in Indian Health* and *Regional Differences in Indian Health*.

Leading Edge Technology and Design

The IHS WWW site has been rated among the top 5% of all sites on the Internet by Point Survey, a service that rates and reviews sites on the World Wide Web. Other recipients of this award include the Library of Congress, Paramount Pictures, LucasArts, and CNN. Further, *Government Computing News* listed the IHS website as one of the “100 Hot Federal Web Sites.” An even more telling measure of the site's success is its increased usage. From November 1994 through October 1995, the IHS WWW site has had a 2500% increase in the monthly number of visits by users.



The Webmasters



The Technology Transfer Group, or “The Webmasters,” are now available to offer training and technical assistance to Areas, service units, and Tribes, in how to access

and use the World Wide Web. This includes hands-on instruction on how to create and maintain WWW “pages,” how to get those pages on the official IHS web server, and how to use other Internet services such as e-mail. Contact any member of the staff to schedule this training.